

REMARKS

Please enter this preliminary amendment as indicated above in this divisional application for the non-elected claims withdrawn from consideration in the parent patent application. Claims 8 – 10 have been amended to be consistent with the claims allowed during prosecution of the original application. Upon entry of this amendment, applicants respectfully request examination on the merits and allowance of amended claims 8 – 10.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title and replace it with the following:

--Fiber Reinforced Composite Article--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first sentence in the specification please insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/907,982, filed on July 18, 2001 and claims benefit thereto.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 7 and 11.

Please amend claims 8 through 10 as follows:

8. (amended) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising:

a plurality of stacked layers of first reinforcing fibers comprising a stack of layers;
and,

a plurality of unconnected spaced apart second reinforcing [members] pins, each comprising a bundle of rods, disposed into the article at an angle to the stack of layers;

the second reinforcing [members] pins being disposed beside the first reinforcing fibers; and,

a substantially solid matrix disposed about the first reinforcing fibers and the second reinforcing members.

Claim 9, line 2, change "members" to --pins--.

10. (amended) The article of claim 9 in the form of a turbine engine article comprising:

an airfoil including the stack of layers and the spaced apart second reinforcing [members] pins;

the first reinforcing fibers in a layer being substantially aligned with one another[;
and,

the second reinforcing members comprising at least one member selected from
the group consisting of bundles of fibers, single fibers, and rods].